



Special Friends Join Carey Campaign

The William Carey College 1973 Development Campaign for \$1 million took another step toward success when the Special Friends organization activity was inaugurated with a luncheon at the College. The group is being headed by eight team leaders: Hollis Brown, Robert Duncan, Dr. Joe Ernest, Pete Mangum, Bill Mims, Grady Sargent, Rev. Brooks Wester, and Gordon White, chairman. It is expected that more than 1000 of

the people of Hattiesburg will be contacted to ask their support of the current Carey campaign. Show above are, seated from left, Sargent and Brown, and standing, Wester, Duncan, and Mims. Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, the college president, reported to the group that almost \$700,000 has already been committed to the campaign. An all day telethon will be conducted by the college alumni on June 2, to secure participation of the all over the United States.

Learning Program Set For Laymen

MEMPHIS—The Baptist Men's Division of the Brotherhood Commission and the Seminary Extension Department have launched a cooperative effort to involve laymen in an academically oriented learning program.

The program is designed for Baptist Men who desire college-level study in missions, Bible theology, church history, religious education, and related subjects.

Based on a three-cycle series of study, the guided learning program is composed of 16 courses. The courses can be completed through home

study, by correspondence, or in seminary extension centers. Baptist Men who complete the entire series of study will earn the Christian Life Development Certificate, awarded by the Seminary Extension Department on behalf of the six Southern Baptist Seminaries and the Brotherhood Commission.

"Baptist Men and Seminary Extension Studies," a tract recently published by the Brotherhood Commission interprets the program and is available in quantity from state Brotherhood offices and the Seminary Extension Department.

New Worker - - -

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Hopkins is filling a position which has been vacant since early this year.

Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary-treasurer of the WMU, said that Miss Hopkins will be an associate in Woman's Missionary Union, promoting missionary education among girls aged 12-17 or in junior and senior high school.

Miss Patterson also said that she will be working on the staff at Camp Garaywa, near Clinton, this summer.

Miss Hopkins is a graduate of the Albuquerque, N. M., High School and holds a B. S. degree from Dallas Baptist College, Dallas, Texas.

Miss Hopkins' twin sister, Carolyn, holds a similar position with the Oklahoma Baptist WMU.

Gwelo, Rhodesia — Southern Baptist missionaries, gathered at the Baptist camp near here for their annual business meeting, have asked for five new missionary couples to do evangelistic work and another missionary to manage the Baptist Book Store. They also asked the Foreign Mission Board for \$10,000 for drought relief in Rhodesia.

HAIFA, Israel — Fuad Sakhnini, chairman of the Association of Baptist Churches in Israel and pastor of Nazareth Baptist Church, has urged Southern Baptist missionaries in this country to consider revision of their recently adopted plan to reduce subsidies to Baptist congregations. Many nationals feel the plan should be liberalized to encourage new congregations as they work toward self support, says Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, missionary press representative.

Father's Day Theme On Radio

Portland, Oregon, will share honors with Father's Day in June when "MasterControl" spends part of the month featuring the beauties of the Northwest and part of the month deciding what fathers are made of.

"Oregon is the site of the 1973 Southern Baptist Convention and we want to let some of the people who may attend the convention learn something about the area," observed "MasterControl" producer Charles Yates. The Oregon programs were on the

air the last week of May and the first week of June.

A special Father's Day program will be aired, beginning June 10.

Mark Taylor, who told "MasterControl" about his mother's influence on his life, will return to tell listeners about his father, Ken Taylor, who paraphrased "The Living Bible."

Also featured on Father's Day will be a commentary, "What Are Fathers Made Of?", by radio and television personality Paul Harvey.

"MasterControl" is a half-hour variety show.

One of four weekly radio programs produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission for public service broadcasting, it is heard weekly on more than 625 radio stations in the United States and 387 American Forces outlets around the world.

Dr. Paul M. Stevens is president of the Radio and Television Commission which is based in Fort Worth, Texas. Mississippi stations carrying MasterControl are as follows:

Laurel, WAML; McComb, WAFB; Vicksburg, WVIM; Columbus, WMBC; Vicksburg, WQMV; Jackson, WSLI; Natchez, WNAT; Columbus, WMBC; Marks, WQMA; Gulfport, WROA; Aberdeen, WMFA.

Winona, WONA; Gulfport, WROA; West Point, WROB; Philadelphia, WHOC; Ripley, WCSA; Hattiesburg, WFOR; Columbia, WFFF; Brookhaven, WJMB; Drew, WDRU.

Abortion Ruling Is Hit

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In a statement released to Baptist Press, Wood said the "unprecedented" legislation raises serious questions concerning "the viability of the First Amendment as it applies to the separation of church and state and free exercise of religion on the part of those who find these medical services completely harmonious with their religious beliefs or moral convictions."

Regardless of one's own moral or religious views on abortion, Wood continued, "this legislation must be viewed as incompatible with the American tradition of public control and public interest as a necessary accompaniment to public funds."

By this action, the Baptist spokesman asserted, Congress "has ignored neutrality in matters pertaining to religious beliefs and has, in effect, given full sanction to the right of federally funded hospitals to determine the medical care that will be provided based solely upon the policy of the hospital."

Several bills have been introduced earlier in Congress aimed at overturning the abortion decision handed down by the court in January of this year. These bills have created little interest thus far.

The Buckley amendment was introduced with fanfare by him and Hatfield with a press conference and major speeches on the Senate floor. The measure is sponsored also by Sens. Harold Hughes (D., Iowa), Wallace Bennett (R., Utah), Carl Curtis (R., Neb.) and Dewey F. Bartlett (R., Okla.).

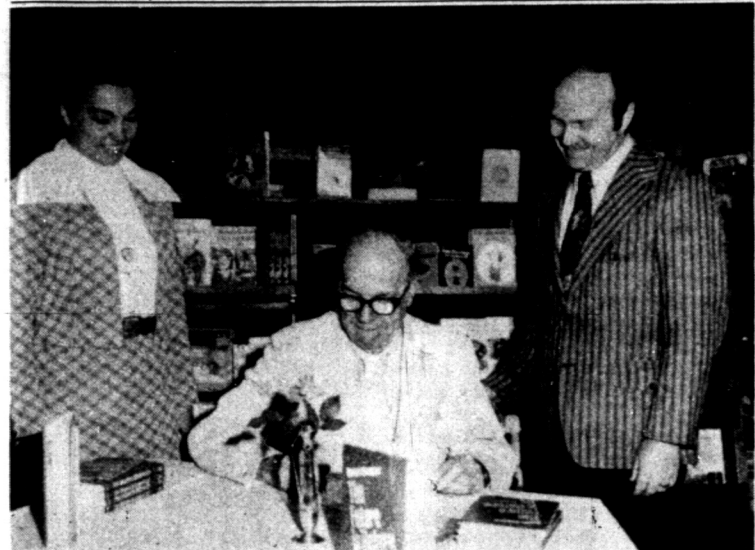
The House measure concerning allowing tax-supported institutions to prohibit abortions and sterilizations was described by most congressmen speaking for it as a "freedom of conscience" provision.

The amendment, included in the Public Health Services Act extension, provides that courts cannot consider receipt of federal funds as a basis for requiring hospitals or other institutions to allow the performance of abortions or sterilizations within the institution.

In further action on an amendment from the floor, the House approved language that would prohibit hospitals or other "entities" discriminating against staff persons who partici-

pate in abortions or sterilizations in other facilities, or refuse participation on the basis of religious beliefs or moral convictions.

The House vote was 372 to 1. In March, when the Senate approved similar legislation, the vote was 72 to 19. The bill now goes to a Senate House Conference Committee to work out differences.



Cooper Autographs Copy of His New Book

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Higgins of Newton are observing Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, author of the new book, "The Future Is Before Us," autograph the copy of the book just purchased by them. The scene took place at the Baptist Book Store in Jackson, which gave an autograph party in honor of Mr. Cooper, who is president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and which served to introduce his new book. Mr. Higgins is Director of Development at Clarke College.

Afghan Capital Orders Razing Of Church

NEW YORK (RNS)—The city of Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, has ordered the only Protestant church in the country demolished and is trying to oust an undetermined number of foreign church workers, according to reports reaching here. While reluctant to discuss the situation, a U.S. State Department official confirmed that Dr. J. Christie Wilson, pastor of the Community Christian church of Kabul, has been told to leave. It was not known on March 19 whether Dr. Wilson, a United Presbyterian working under independent sponsorship, had left Afghanistan, a Muslim nation. One unconfirmed report placed him in Pakistan.

Christian groups in Afghanistan are quite small. A small Roman Catholic chapel for Catholic diplomats and others was opened on the grounds of the Italian embassy in 1961. Anglicans hold house worship. Reports said that the initial request for permission to build was made by President Eisenhower on a 1959 visit to Afghanistan "as a reciprocal gesture of goodwill since a Muslim mosque had been built in Washington, D.C., shortly before."

Former State Man - - -

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"While Dawson lived in Mexico, he naturally learned to speak Spanish fluently," said McGlocklin. "He is also very familiar with Southern Baptist work and knows the book store business."

While a student at Mississippi College, Dawson began working for the Jackson Baptist Book Store as a part-time shipping clerk in 1952. He soon became that store's receiving clerk and held that position until he received his degree and entered southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Later, he returned to the Jackson store as stock room supervisor. In 1963, he became manager of the Denver store and in 1970, went to Lubbock.

The first bilingual store will handle over-the-counter sales in Spanish and English products and will have a nationwide mail order service for Spanish materials. Mail order service for English materials will be limited to churches in El Paso and the surrounding area of southern New Mexico and southwest Texas.

AMERICANS UNITED QUASHES NEW HAMPSHIRE PAROCHIAL

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — Americans United challenged this

(Americans United v. Paine) that New Hampshire's dual enrollment arrangement between public and parochial schools "fosters an excessive government entanglement with religion." Holding that the U. S. Constitution creates "an unbridgeable chasm" between church and state, the court stated that this plan "places a public school physically in the middle... of a parochial school. Such a partnership—one might even call it a merger—requires a continual interaction of the two facilities, whatever their legal relationship."

Spending Clock

For the first time in history, there's a clock in Washington that shows the rate at which the Federal Government is spending your tax dollars.

It's called the Federal Spending Clock. It was built by and is located in the national headquarters of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

During the present fiscal year, which began July 1, 1972 and ends June 30, 1973, the Federal Government will spend approximately \$250 billion.

Each day, rapidly changing digital figures across the top of the clock indicate the Federal Government is disbursing approximately \$700 million in new expenditures.

Every 1.28 seconds a dial indicates the expenditure of another \$10,000, the average annual income of an American family. Every 12.6 seconds, a light flashes, indicating the Federal Government has spent another \$100,000. And every two minutes and six seconds, a "beep" is heard, signaling that the Federal Government has spent another million dollars.

Federal spending has increased more than 100% in the last 10 years—From \$111 billion in 1963 to \$250 billion in 1973. The Federal Government currently is spending more in 10 months than it spent between 1789 and 1942—the first 153 years of our Republic. Federal spending accounts currently for 20.6% of the gross national product.

Should the clock run at a faster or slower pace? In other words, should the Federal Government increase or reduce spending? That choice is up to you, the National Chamber declares with this recommendation: Let your Congressman and Senators know your views.

First, Crystal Springs - -

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organizations and use of WMU magazines.

It is a two year program which was begun in the summer of 1972 and which will conclude September, 1974.

Enthusiasm in missionary education is mounting in many areas in our state. Great numbers of WMUs have already met the "Giant Step" goals which were established for a two-year period of time.

The individual "Giant Step" goals are to have at least one organization in each age level in WMU, to have 25% increase in membership in WMU and to have 25% increase in total magazine subscriptions.

The Woman's Missionary Union at First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, is to be heartily commended for its fine work in the areas of WMU enlistment and enlargement.

Watergate - - -

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American history."

Wood observed: "No greater irony may be found in the Watergate affair than that it should have occurred during an administration that had used the theme of 'law and order' as one of its major means of gaining public confidence and political power. This disregard for personal compliance to a slogan used for the restoration is manifestly symptomatic of a lack of political morality in government."

State Kindergarten - - -

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make provision for their own overnight entertainment. Listed below, according to Mr. Cummings, are the motels nearest Broadmoor Church: Holiday Inn, Jacksonian Motor Hotel, Sheraton Motor Inn, Rowdew Inn, all on I-55 North; Holiday Inn Medical Center, and Admiral Benbow Inn, both on North State Street and Ramada Inn, Greymont Avenue.

Spiritual Renewal Theme Of American Baptist Leaders

LINCOLN, Neb. (RNS) — Spiritual renewal was the theme of the president and president-elect of American Baptist Churches in the USA at the denomination's biennial convention here.

Dr. Peter H. Armacost, 37, president of Ottawa (Kan.) University, was elected president of the 1.5-million-member denomination at the convention.

He will succeed Dr. Gene E. Bartlett, 63, pastor of First Baptist church of Newton, Mass., on Jan. 1, 1974.

In a statement issued before his election Dr. Armacost, who was the only presidential nominee, said he sensed "a hunger among our membership, certainly among the college students with whom I work daily, for spiritual renewal."

He expressed hope "that we can capitalize on the impetus of Key 73 to nurture the basic personal encounter with Christ of each American Baptist in such a way that it will enable us to understand so thoroughly

ly the fundamentals of our faith which do not change that we can and will communicate it, by word and example, in an age which does change."

In his presidential address, Dr. Bartlett called on all American Baptists to join in a period of shared devotion during the 100 days before Christmas, 1973, "to give us fresh exposure to the mind of Christ, especially as it is addressed to those attitudes and values of a secular day."

He mentioned Key 73 as one of six priorities of the denomination in the past year, and declared that "it can be said without reservation that Key 73 in principle has been accepted more readily and more heartily than any program within our recent history."

Other priorities of American Baptist Churches in the USA during the past year, Dr. Bartlett said, have been reorganization, of the denomination, laying the groundwork of the Fund of Renewal (a cooperative program with the Progressive National

Baptist Convention, Inc.), introducing youth into the decision-making of churches, supporting the pastoral ministry, and clarifying church involvement in social issues.

Dr. Robert Campbell, 48, was officially installed as General Secretary of American Baptist Churches in the USA at the convention here, although he was elected to the position at last year's meeting and began serving in the position in August.

The denomination's chief administrative officer, a former dean of American Baptist Seminary of the West in Covina, Calif., led daily Bible expositions on "the evangelistic life style" during the convention and gave the opening prayer at the Nebraska State Legislature on May 21, before the convention began.

At the same time that Dr. Armacost was elected as the next president of the denomination, Dr. Floyd K. Massey, Jr., pastor of Macedonia Baptist church in Los Angeles, was elected vice-president.



Babies In The Spotlight At Petal-Harvey

Several special Sundays have highlighted recent services at Petal-Harvey church. A Sunday School campaign led to an average attendance of 412 and an addition of 32 new members. On Mother's Day, all the babies (above photo), as well as mothers, were recognized, and a plaque was presented to Mrs. Edd Ander-

son in appreciation of 20 years of service in the Nursery Department of the church. Rev. Jerry Henderson is pastor; Rev. Toby Rowell is minister of education and music, and Mrs. Ruby Hatter is nursery coordinator.

Second In A Series

Baptists Play Equipping Role To "Indian-ize" SBC Missions

By Everett Hullum
and Sandy Simmons

WOUNDED KNEE, S. D. (BP) — During the recent American Indian Movement siege here, AIM President Vernon Bellecourt charged that Christian churches are more responsible for the plight of the American Indian than any other factor.

Now, more than ever, the future of Christian missions on Indian reservations is in question. Bellecourt and other AIM leaders blame many of the Indians' problems today on Christianity.

"They have stripped the native people of their religious identity and set about to destroy the Indian religion," he said. "The loss of religious identity is the root of the high alcoholic rate and suicide rate, and in fact the almost total cause of the poverty conditions of the Indian people in this country."

One of the biggest objections to Christian missions has been the "white" missionary coming in to convert the Indian to a "white man's religion."

In response to these charges, Southern Baptist missionaries among the Indians are playing on "equipping role," seeking not to "Americanize," but to "Indian-ize" Christian mission efforts.

Southern Baptists have 135 Indian-language missionaries, including three US-2ers and nine who serve with Eskimos in Alaska. Most of these missionaries work in Indian-populous Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico.

Of the 135, only a few are native Indians.

Frank Belvin, a Choctaw Indian who works as missionary in Oklahoma, is convinced that if Christianity is to take further roots among the Indians, "it's going to be planted by Indians themselves."

However, lack of trained Indian laymen has hurt Indian missions. But missionaries are now seeing themselves in a different role.

To remedy its failure to attract native leadership, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board a few years back shifted to a policy of "equipping" Indian missions. Along with mission work to other ethnic groups, missionaries began — whenever and wherever possible — taking supportive roles, training lay leadership to

carry the responsibility of Christian outreach to its own people.

"I preach every Sunday," says Mississippi's Dolton Haggan, missionary with the Choctaws, "but preaching is not my primary role. My main objective is equipping. We work with the view of teaching and training preachers and laymen."

"My goal is to make the church self-sustaining," Haggan adds, "so that someday there'll be no missionary here."

"I try to stay in the background," echoes Al Holman with the Papago tribe in Arizona. "It's the best way, to let the indigenous people take over. If I went out to do everything, they'd let me. But it wouldn't get the work moving at all."

"We're just trying to work ourselves out of a job," adds John Mouser, who serves with the Apaches in northern Arizona.

Architect of the philosophy of "train - others - to - lead" is the Board's Oscar Romo, a Mexican-American and the first member of an ethnic group to head the board's language missions department.

"We've learned the leaders must come from the people," stresses Romo. "When the leader has an understanding of the culture values and the psychology of the people, it makes him able to identify. He also lives among the people."

Lumbee Indian and missionary Tony Brewington agrees. "Because I'm an Indian, I've been able to do some things a white man might not have been able to accomplish," he says.

"Missionaries, especially Anglos, are serving more as catalysts today," continues Romo, "in an effort to develop indigenous churches."

Romo disagrees with the charges leveled by AIM President Bellecourt, pointing out that Christianity is not just a white man's religion, for God is the creator of all people, and that Baptists are diligently seeking to help Indians understand who they are in relationship to God and other people.

"The charge that Christianity contributes to alcoholism and suicide should be considered in the light of a worldwide problem of meaninglessness that sees drugs, alcoholism, and suicide with all people increasing," says Romo.

"The increased rates for these does not come with those who are Christians, but with those who have lost faith in the old religions and have nothing to replace it."

"For Mouser, who's worked with

the Apaches for 17 years, significant inroads are just now being made. "A lot of the time," he said, "the men drift away, even after they're 'saved,' because of pressure from their friends."

"You're not one of us now," they'll be told by other Indians. "You're white now, you believe in the Bible and Christianity."

"The big problem in our mission work," Mouser adds, "has been our failure to attract men."

And attracting men is crucial, for Indian culture is strongly male-dominated. Any work built primarily on a missionary's presence or the attend-

ance of women and children is tenuous and almost certain to collapse under pressure.

The most precarious work, says Jack Comer with the Navajo, "is that work where we have both white and Indians in the congregation and the whites dominate."

But in light of the growing Indian-awareness, Comer adds, "we're going to get a good off-shoot because we've already shifted fears" in taking a more supportive role, becoming teachers, not doers.

"We'll be all right in most areas," he feels, "but where the missionary is still taking a more active and

personal role, there may be some trouble."

"I know it sounds terrible," admits Mrs. Barbara Mefford, who with husband Richard has been working with Montana Cheyenne for seven years, "but we don't encourage whites to attend our church."

"We have some BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) people and some teachers who come, but we don't promote it among them. As bad as it sounds, it won't help make the church indigenous if they continue to come."

Although the church is no more Anglo-populated than several other reservation churches, Mrs. Mefford says it has been called the "white man's church," a reputation she feels unfair and absolutely essential to overcome.

Among the missionaries who live closest to the Wounded Knee area, the Meffords have felt no effects from violence there, but are realistic enough to admit it could spill over to them at any time.

Nevertheless, she recognizes the uncertain status of their work and the fact that all whites are on Indian reservations as "guests" of the tribe — subject to expulsion at tribal demand.

Southern Baptist church buildings on reservations are also on land loaned by the tribe, usually under written agreements. With the white man's past record of treaty violations, it would not be surprising if Indians had learned the lessons of history well enough to void an agreement on occasion.

In the long run, however, it seems likely that the vision of people like Romo will at least buy SBC missionaries precious time. But how much is uncertain.

"No longer will it work for white man to come in trying to run things," says Brewington in North Carolina. "We've experienced this and it hasn't worked."

"A lot of whites have come in with the attitude to bring the Indian up to their level, with the presumption that their level is better than the Indian level. Then they pat themselves on the back and say, 'Look what I've done for the Indian people.'"

For Brewington, a Lumbee Indian, this doesn't make Christianity a white man's religion, to be rejected along with other white thought-patterns.

"Christianity has always been a part of our lives," he says, "so we Lumbee consider it our religion, our God, as much as the white man does."

"It is a mistake to think that Christianity is a white man's religion," says Wonder Johns, pastor of First Seminole Baptist Church on the Hollywood Reservation in Florida. Johns practiced Seminole religion until he was 14 years old, then "accepted Christ as my personal Savior." He directs the community action program of the Seminole tribe, which numbers about 1,300.

As for Christianity, it too has degenerated, depressed and looked down on the "heathen" Indian. From early days, missionaries of all faiths believed they took Christianity and civilization — though not necessarily in that order — to pagans.

Indian religion was ignored, denied, but never studied.

"Our people hate to be called pagans," explains Mrs. Mefford, "and I don't blame them." Mrs. Mefford is one of a number of SBC mission-

aries who have studied Indian religion and come away surprised at many of its concepts.

"Sweet Water is our (Cheyenne) giver of legends," Mrs. Mefford says, "and among the legends are ones of a flood and of a man with miraculous powers who fed many people with a small amount of food."

"It is as if God were revealing himself to these people through Sweet Water," Mrs. Mefford concludes.

The attitude of missionaries like Mrs. Mefford is a significant departure from traditional thought about Indians.

But some critics argue that it didn't come soon enough, and Christianity's failure to recognize basic truths in the Indian religion and build upon them — as Paul had done with the Greeks — is partly responsible for the growth of the Native American Church and other quasi-Christian movements among the Indians.

Mrs. Mefford confirms a "big push" for the Native American Church on the reservation at Lane Deer, where some leaders boast 80 per cent or more Indians belong to it.

Christian church people, too, have a chance to profit from Wounded Knee, but only if they hear the Indian's appeal for justice, self-reliance and economic improvement. And if they learn to "help preserve Indian culture and to rectify the inhuman treatment, inflicted upon Indians by white Christians in the past," says American Baptist Frank Sharp.

One thing is certain: yesterday's malignant neglect and maltreatment cannot continue without a rising crescendo of Wounded Knees. And with each such incident, Christian missions will be altered or affected in some way.

The success and future of Indian missions are as likely to be determined by foresight and insight today as by reaction when crises occur. Toward that goal the Home Mission Board has a good start. But will it be enough?

Ministers' Wives To Hear Seminary Theology Dean

PORTLAND (BP) — The 18th annual Conference of Ministers' Wives, meeting during the Southern Baptist Convention here on Tuesday, June 12, will hear an address by the dean of the School of Theology for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, William E. Hull of Louisville. The Ministers' Wives will meet at the Cosmopolitan Motor Hotel at Lloyd Center, only a few blocks from the Memorial Coliseum where the SBC sessions are slated. The luncheon is scheduled at 12:45 on Tuesday, June 12.

Presiding will be Mrs. Claud Bowen of Greensboro, N. C., whose husband is pastor of First Baptist Church, Greensboro.

Mrs. Bowen said tickets for the luncheon could be purchased in advance at the coliseum on Monday and Tuesday, June 11-12, or could be ordered in advance from Mrs. Gilbert Skaar, vice president of the organization, at P. O. Box 787, Shelton, Wash. 98584.



From left: Steve Stanford, Steve Epperson, Cooper, Stan Stanford (Brotherhood Commission Photo by Tim Fields)

Royal Ambassadors Interview Cooper

"Mr. Cooper, what does the president of the Southern Baptist Convention do?"

To 10-year-old Steve Stanford, that seemed like a good place to begin. It was something he thought 125,000 Crusader Royal Ambassadors would like to know.

Steve, his brother Stan, and Steve Epperson were representing all Crusader RAs as they interviewed SBC president Owen Cooper. All three boys attend the First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, where Cooper is a member.

Cooper's answers to the boys' ques-

tions appear in the June issue of Crusader, the monthly missions magazine for boys ages 6-11.

The questions ranged from what Cooper liked best about being president to where he got his turtle collection. Many of the questions had a very practical turn, such as "Who does your job here while you are away on convention business?" and "Have you ever worried about getting skyjacked?"

When asked what one change he would like to see among Baptists, Cooper replied, "To deepen the spiritual commitment of the layman."

World Missions Conferences Involve One Million Baptists

ATLANTA (BP) — Baptist world missions conferences last year involved more than a million Southern Baptists in studies of the denomination's mission efforts.

According to a report prepared by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here, 178 Baptist associations conducted conferences involving members of 3,390 churches last year. A total of 1,157,668 persons attended the programs.

The conferences, in which an entire church congregation studies missions in classes and hears messages from visiting missionaries, brought a total of 2,257 state, home and foreign missionaries to the participating associations.

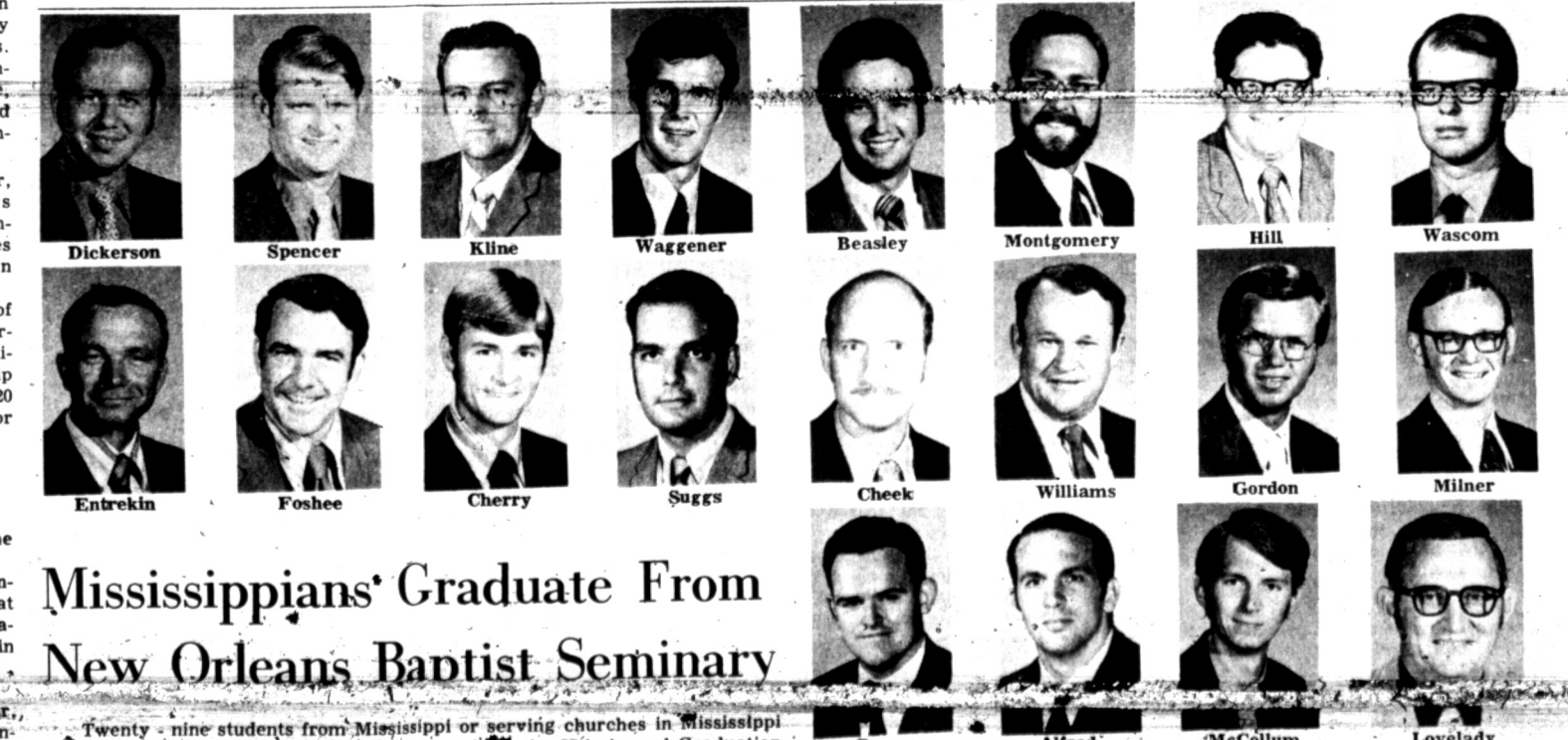
During the programs, 807 professions of faith and 5,284 decisions for church related vocations were made, according to the report compiled by Kenneth Day, secretary of the department of promotion for the board which last year had administrative responsibility for promotion of the conferences.

Buddhist Monks Studying The Bible

VIENTIANE, Laos — Jerald W. Perrill, one of four missionaries in the relatively new mission field in Laos, is teaching a class on the life of Jesus to 10 to 15 Buddhist monks. The class was begun following a visit by Perrill and fellow missionary J. Murphy Terry to the Buddhist temple, Wat Ban Fay.

One of the monks there had written to the Lao Baptist Mission saying he had read about the life of Jesus in an American Bible Society newspaper. "I have been satisfying in the teachings of Jesus," he wrote. "I have never seen the paper like this before, but now I want to know the detail of it." Following the missionaries' first visit to the temple they were requested to come each day at noon for additional lessons. The Perrills and the Terrys, who arrived in Laos in early 1971, have concentrated on language study during these first two years.

Don't stay away from church because it is not perfect—how lonely you would feel in a perfect church!



Twenty-nine students from Mississippi serving churches in Mississippi were among those receiving degrees or awards in the 55th Annual Graduation Exercises at New Orleans Baptist Seminary May 19. There was a total of 112 graduates honored.

Graduation exercises were held in Roland Q. Leavell Chapel on the seminary campus with Dr. William G. Tanner, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, delivering the graduation address.

The Mississippi students, listed according to degrees, are: Diploma in Pastoral Ministry: James Carl Edwards; Master of Religious Education: Ernest Dewitt Hill Jr., L. Joe Conner, James William Beasley, Lynn D. Wascom, Goode Montgomery III, and Joseph Alton Waggener; Master of Church Music: Orval Lee Gordon, Herman Alton Milner Jr., and Mrs. Carolyn Marie Moore Waggener; Master of Divinity: Harold Kenneth Cheek, Thomas Wayne Spencer, Robert Dee Williams, Carl Thomas Dickerson, Terrell D. Suggs, and William Anthony Patterson; Master of Theology: Felix Vardaman Greer Jr.,

Charles Gene Foshee, Ronald Wilson Cherry, and Gerald W. Kline; Master of Theology — Honors Program: Ronald Hiram Jordan, Danny R. Forrest, Gerald Douglas Entekin, Andrew Thomas Morgan, Wilton Richard McCollum Jr., and Justin Thomas Alfred; Doctor of Ministry: Anthony Stephen Kay, James Del McLemore, and Joe Render Lovelady Sr.; Doctor of Theology: Rodney Glen Taylor. (Pictures were not available of several graduates.)

A number of qualified graduates are still available for positions as pastors, staff members, and other places of service and may be contacted through the office of Mr. Robert May, Church Work Consultant, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA. 70126.

The Convention President Speaks

If I have any characteristics worthwhile, one of them is a genuine love for my fellow preachers and concern for all my sister churches. With this introductory statement, I want to share a concern with each of you. I am referring to some practiced ethics in regard to the bus ministry.

At our church, we have begun such a ministry and even though it is in its infancy, it has already proven to be exciting and rewarding. Therefore, I am speaking to myself along with all who read these words.

I think we must be extremely careful to practice genuine Christian ethics. To use a bus to pick up children who are already active in a church is most unethical and is doing nothing toward building the Kingdom of God, but rather it causes confusion on the part of potential riders, builds up resentment on the part of fellow church people and results in estrangement on the part of fellow pastors.

I work at our church in making surveys. I practice and preach if anyone is going to any church anywhere, we merely thank them and move on to the next home. If they are not attending anywhere and are not identified with any religious group, then we seek to enlist them.

I believe this is a great ministry and can be used to honor God when handled properly, but when misused, it can do harm. To me, it is misused when a church uses such a ministry to gain renown for its own reputation or that of a pastor. — David Grant.

Scriptures Are Now Published In Record

NEW YORK — The number of languages and dialects in which the Scriptures have been published reached a record 1,500 in 1972.

Statistics compiled by the United Bible Societies show that since the invention of printing in the middle of the 15th century to Dec. 31, 1972, at least one complete book of the Bible has been printed, by various organizations, in 1,500 languages or dialects. The total reflects an increase of 43 in the language count over the previous year.

In 1972, they ranged from Apala, which is spoken in Brazil, to Zonghar, spoken in Bhutan. Publishers included Bible Societies and eight other organizations.

Ekajuk, the 43rd new language, is spoke in Nigeria, and made its debut in the language count as a complete New Testament.

Broadman Commentary Coupon Redemption Deadline Near

NASHVILLE — The deadline for redeeming coupons for two free volumes of the Broadman Bible Commentary is June 30, according to Jim Edwards, manager of the Broadman trade sales department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Volumes 7 and 12 of the Broadman Bible Commentary, released June 1, 1972, may be obtained in exchange for nine coupons included in previously purchased volumes. Coupons may be redeemed at Baptist Book Stores or by sending the nine coupons to Broadman Trade Sales, Nashville, Tennessee 37234.

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EDITORIAL

A Day Of Opportunity And Challenge

Has a day of opportunity come to Southern Baptists? A day of special challenge?

When we consider the world situation, the religious situation, and what has happened and is happening to Southern Baptists, it appears that God may be opening special doors to them. As they move toward their annual convention in Portland, it may be well for them to look at the world into which God has thrust them, and ask themselves the question, "Has God brought us to the kingdom for such an hour as this?" Look at that world, and then at Southern Baptists and see what you think.

Perhaps it would be difficult to find a time in recent history when there appeared to be larger need for strong spiritual leadership than right now. One can find himself disturbed by taking even a casual look at what is happening in the world. For years the nation, and even the world, has seemed to move from one crisis to another. At this moment problems of public morality, drugs, crime, sex, liquor and others almost overwhelm us. We also have an ecological crisis, with an energy shortage alarming the whole nation. Floods, tornadoes and other natural disasters, threaten to create food shortage, and hardly a home is not touched by inflation problems. People are confused, and are looking to leaders for clear direction. The churches and spiritual leaders are needed sorely in such a critical period.

The spiritual situation in the nation is not much better. Never has there been as much unrest, and as many disturbing signs in the religious realm. The wide consensus seems to be that religion in general is losing some of its influence in American life. Most major denominations, especially those which have espoused more liberal theological views, continue to report losses in churches and membership, decline of programs, and slow down in financial support. Division is threatening some groups, and internal disruption is hitting others. Almost the only exception among the major denominations is Southern Baptists, and while our denomination continues to grow, it also has some problems, as we shall see later.

At the same time smaller, conservative and fundamental groups report continued growth. Even cults show amazing health. The influence of the pentecostal movement is spreading beyond the confines of the Pentecostal churches, and creating disturbances in some other groups. Christian activities outside the organized churches also are showing marked growth, with youth movements leading the way.

Meanwhile, anti-Christian develop-

ments such as the Church of Satan, demonology, etc., continue to reach more and more people, especially youth. A secularism which completely ignores the church also has grown with pleasure seeking, business as usual on Sunday, and other activities, which develop a life-style which completely omits spiritual matters.

This does not mean that Americans are becoming completely non-religious, for this is not so, and religion still has a large part in American life. Nevertheless, there appears to be a growing secularism, and anti-Christian spirit in the land, which calls for the finest spiritual leadership now.

In the midst of all of this, as we saw last week, Southern Baptists continue to grow, and to enlarge their major programs. They are the largest evangelical group in America, with more than 12,000,000 reported members. They have nearly 35,000 churches scattered all across America. Their offerings last year for the first time passed \$1,000,000,000. While other larger denominations are curtailing their missionary programs, Southern Baptists are making plans for enlarging theirs. While for several years there have been slight decline in enrollment in several of the organizations, there are signs that the tide may be turning, and gains may once again be made. Evangelism continues to be a major emphasis in the convention, and last year the churches baptized the largest number in the convention's history.

This does not mean that the convention does not have problems, for it does, but they relate principally to liberal-conservative issues. Those who would try to ignore these issues, or "sweep them under the rug" simply are deceiving themselves, for they do exist, and they are creating tensions.

As long as some seminaries and other professors, and some pastors, sincerely feel that they must present a more liberal view on Biblical inspiration than most conservatives approve, and as long as some feel that the convention must become more involved in "social action" than the majority want to be, the differences will continue. Those who favor what they call a "more progressive" attitude seem determined to have that, while those who oppose any kind of "liberalism" in institutions and agencies, whether theological or in programs, are going to continue to stand for their position.

The formation of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship is an example of this determination to keep the convention in the conservative position where it always has stood. Those com-

prising this group are respected pastors and leaders, who love the convention, and who are determined that it shall remain free from the liberal control which has divided and weakened other denominations. They state that they have no intention of leaving the convention, or dividing it, but are going to work within the convention, simply to keep it in the conservative position where it always has been. We think there is nothing to fear from such a group as long as they have a positive purpose and program such as they have announced.

Despite the diversities and differences, and even the conflicts which appear from time to time, Southern Baptists are basically a united people, and are not having the divisive explosions which are plaguing some other groups. Leaders among Southern Baptists are wise enough to sense the spirit of the 90% of our people who are conservative, and they seek to walk in that conservative way. They well know that any other trend could be disastrous for us, even as it has been for others.

It is in these situations, that Southern Baptists assemble in Portland. And because of them, it well could be one of our most important meetings. If the spirit there is unity, and the convention sets its purpose to "launch out into the deep" for continued advance in its programs it can send back to the churches the message of moving forward and upward in kingdom affairs. If, while other groups struggle to stay alive, or to solve internal problems, southern Baptists hold tenaciously to the conservative position which has characterized them through their history; if they continue to be a Bible believing, Bible preaching people, with the Word of God at the very center of their whole program; if they resist the inroads of liberalism and refuse to allow it to gain control of institutions, of agencies, or of the convention itself; if they continue to major on evangelism, missions, church extension, Christian education, responsible social ministries, enlistment, and spiritual growth, then they will continue to be a people God can bless and use. Perhaps they can meet some of the world's needs in this day of trouble, and fill some of the spiritual vacuum which seems to have developed. This is not to say that Southern Baptists are the world's hope, for that is saying far too much, but we believe they are a people whom God wants to use right now.

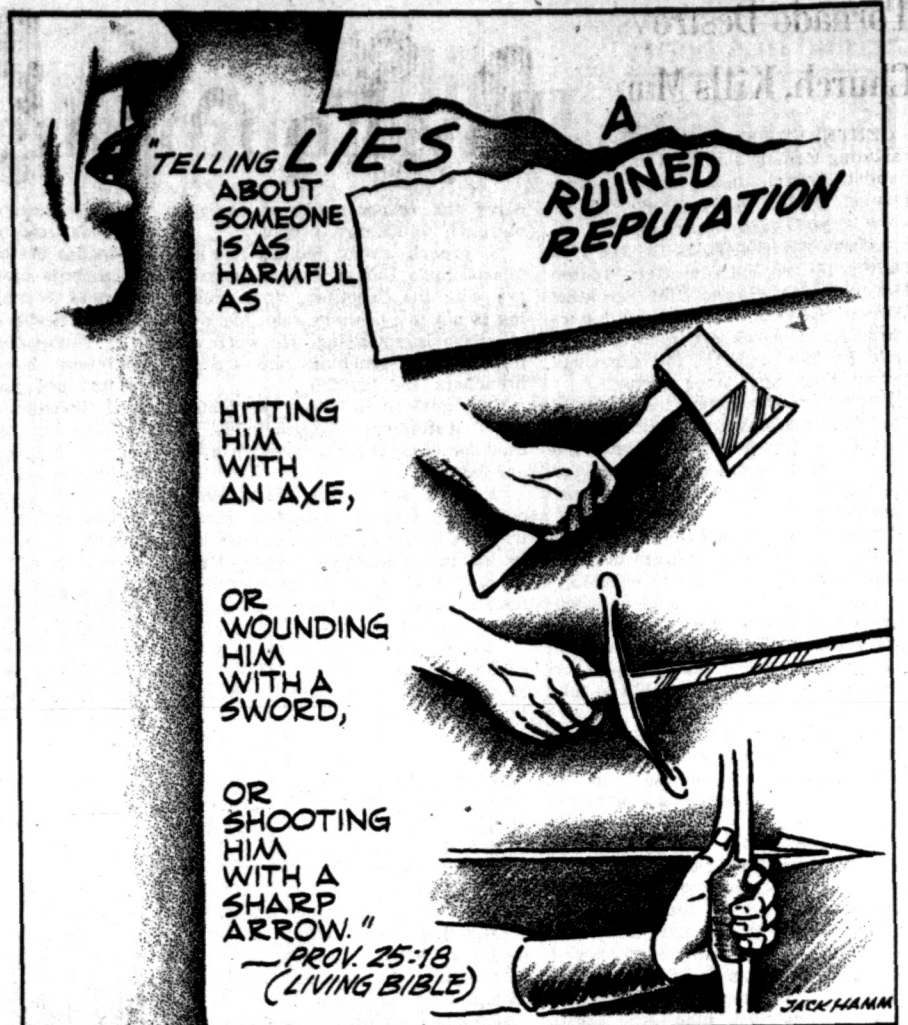
On The MORAL SCENE...

Are Americans becoming more alcoholic? Apparently so. The American Hospital Association recently declared that 25 to 30 percent of all adult medical-surgical patients in metropolitan hospitals, regardless of diagnosis, were found to be suffering from alcoholism. An estimated 9 million members of our society are alcoholics. They are involved in approximately 50% of our highway and home accidents. A recent study in San Francisco at the Mount Zion Hospital reveals that 50% of all fracture cases resulted from drunkenness. (From "Intelligence Report," Parade magazine, January 28, 1973)

Parents who feed upon a steady dose of alcohol, tobacco, and tranquilizers are more likely to have children who swallow their elders' habits along with the daily pabulum. At adolescence, the second generation is more likely than not to add marijuana and LSD to their other home-grown addictions. This association between parental and adolescent drug use was explored by Reginald G. Smart and Dianne Fejer of the Addiction Research Foundation in Toronto, who studied 8,865 suburban and urban high-school students. The relationship was even closer when parent and child used the same drug, such as tranquilizers, barbiturates, or depressants. (Human Behavior, p. 28, January, 1973)

The first comprehensive probe of credit-card use in the United States found evidence that berating the card that feeds you is a favorite national pastime. Half of all American families use at least one credit card, but 75% complain credit is an annoying convenience. (Human Behavior, p. 43, January, 1973)

cartoons and text designed to help parents, grandparents, and other adults understand the small child, particularly as he relates to the church.



In A Day Of Verbal Assassination



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

There must be a million things to say to a person who has just seen a hammer which was poised in the air aimed at her world begin its lightning - swift plunge and has stood blinking in its shattered aftermath. There surely must be a million things to say. But I never can think of a one of them. Can you?

Scarcely a week passes without someone I care about finding himself or herself in just such a sad situation, and I find myself as tongue-tied this week as I was last week. Sometimes I succumb to the easy way out and remain tongue-tied, never letting the person know I care. When I do this, I misbehave as a Christian, for the scripture clearly tells me, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Remember all the burdens Jesus talked about people having? And remember how He said if we helped anyone with food, drink, companionship, comfort, and the like that we had helped Him?

Bearing somebody's burden surely doesn't begin with ignoring the existence of both the burden and the one who has the burden. It's a bit difficult to pick up and help to carry a burden if you don't know something of its presence, location, and weight.

But it isn't always necessary to get your tongue untied. When you're going to help someone carry something, you don't always have to say, "Here, let me help you carry that."

You can just quietly go and pick up the heavy end without saying a word.

EDUCATION...what's happening

A survey conducted by the College Placement Council showed that starting salaries for last year's June graduates, despite continuing inflationary trends, rose only about 2 percent over 1971's levels. This contrasts with the 5 to 7 percent annual increases that were common in the late sixties. A survey of employers, however, found 47,000 openings in the spring of 1972, compared with 45,000 a year before a 6 percent increase.

Other findings:
—The top average starting salaries for men and women in the same fields usually were not equal. For example, male accounting graduates averaged \$854 per month; female, \$829.

—At the master's degree level the most openings in the highest average salaries were for those in business administration. Starting salaries range from \$1,057 to \$1,029 per month.

—At the Ph.D. level electrical engineers received the highest starting salaries — an average of \$1,439 per month.

—The largest salary increase for women was in communications — up 7.6 percent — but the number of graduates in the field was small.

—Employers reported that they had hired or planned to hire 4 percent more bachelor's degree holders than last year, 13 percent more master's recipients, and 25 percent more holders of doctorates.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

An Open Letter To Southern Baptists

Dear Friends:

The Middle East pressure cooker has popped again! Mounting tensions, outside pressures and inner conflicts blew it, and this time little Lebanon is the victim.

Her recent war is similar to Jordan's government vs. commando war in 1970. Our family lives in Jordan — all of us, that is, except Miriam, our 15-year-old daughter who is in boarding school in Beirut. With no telephone connections from our town to Beirut, no mail, no planes, no boats and no roads open, the little country of Lebanon and our daughter are like an inaccessible, unreachable island suspended in an unreal vacuum.

Someday, we tell ourselves, reality will return and communications will be restored. Until then, is our daughter in danger? Is she frightened? Is she hysterical? Is she exercising her faith in Christ? Is she calm?

Having been through two other wars, what effect will these experiences have on her life? What about the 30 other girls in her dormitory?

We travel to a city 60 miles away, and place a long distance telephone call. After waiting hours, the line is opened and the operator says, "You may talk three minutes." It takes 2 1/2 minutes for her to be located and get to the phone.

The operator extends the time and we talk for eternity — for who knows when we may talk again? It seems a miracle to hear her voice.

"I'm fine," she says with assurance. "Yes, we may be evacuated. We've been told to be ready to leave on an hour's notice. We'll be taken to another country, and continue our studies there. Everything is all right."

Another country! Is it better for her to go to a country farther away or to stay in Lebanon with curfews, kidnappings, violence, hatred, bombings, refugee camps, and ambulances racing through tomb-like streets with wounded and dying. Oh, please, cease fire!

Across the city from our daughter is a friend who stayed three days in 1970 with his family on their hall floor in Jordan while death and violence raged in the streets and surrounded their home. Now he is within earshot of the bombs, closer to the fighting. How is it with him?

A few blocks farther away is a family of five who listened to strafing bullets rain on their Amman, Jordan rooftop; who evacuated Jordan in June 1967, and again three years later. How is it with them?

In times like this, only the Holy Spirit of God can preserve sanity and give peace.

For we are not fighting against human beings, but against the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world, the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of the dark age. Stand ready. Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason, keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God's people. (Ephesians 6:12-18 Good News for Modern Man)

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NEWEST BOOKS

AN OLD FRIEND WITH NEW CREDENTIALS by Jack U. Harwell (Christian Index, 204 pp., \$4.95).

A history of the Georgia Baptist paper, Christian Index. The Index was started in Washington, D. C. in 1822 under the name, The Columbian Star, so in 1972 observed its 150th anniversary. Its founder was the great missionary leader Luther Rice. This is the story of its life and ministry through all the years of this history. Twenty different men have been editors, some of whose names are etched deeply not only in the life of Georgia, but also in the life of Southern Baptists. This is a story of how a publication helps shape the life of a state convention. The book tells many delightful incidents in the history of the paper and includes numerous quotations from its pages which help tell the story of the men who made it, and the work they did.

SHARE THE WORD NOW by Albert McClellan (Broadman, Readers' Plan Selection, 128 pp., \$1.50) Dr. McClellan emphasizes the Bible and evangelism through teaching and pulpit renewal, lay witnessing, and other channels of missions. He says, "We must see the Bible with fresh eyes, searching its ideas for truth relevant to our own day. We must teach the Bible as intimately related to the disturbing problems of life. We must see it as responsive to every modern human need."

YOUR NEXT BIG STEP by G. Kearnie Keegan (Broadman, 64 pp., deluxe binding, in gift box, \$3.50) This is a reprint of the classic book of advice written to the high school graduate, getting ready to take "the big step" and well-loved Kearnie Keegan, who was director of Baptist student work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

ESSENTIAL BOOKS FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY Compiled by Fleming Library, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Southwestern Seminary 129 pp., \$2.50).

The faculty and library staff of Southwestern Seminary spent about two years in compiling this list of over 1200 volumes of books which it considered as the basic books in the various fields and so basic books for a minister's library. The three general fields of church music, religious education, and the-

ology are included, and each of these are divided into several fields. For example under theology, there are listings under the four headings — biblical, church history, doctrinal theology and ministry. Under these are listed dozens of books in the various fields. The individual seeking to check on his own reading and books which he should read will do well to secure this book.

UPON THIS ROCK by Roy L. Johnson (Interchurch Printing, Northwest Baptist Convention, 96 pp., paper, \$1.75).

The subtitle is "An Explanation of Church and Ordinances in the New Testament and Why so Many Denominations." The author studies the church established by the Lord, and shows that a church is an assembly of called out ones operating under the headship of Christ, proclaiming the gospel, baptizing believers, teaching and guiding them in all things Jesus commanded, and is "the pillar and ground of truth." He says that when individual leaders and congregations depart from the New Testament pattern of doctrine and practice, the essence of the gospel is changed or lost. The fallacy of the universal, invisible church concept is discussed and the reason for building modern ordinances, showing the form and purpose of baptism and then discusses the Lord's Supper, and defends close communion. This is a most readable book and presents a practical guide on what Baptist churches should seek to do today as they follow the New Testament.

ME BE LIKE JESUS! by Leslie B. Flinn Guidance for all those who seek the quality of Christlikeness.

CREATIVE HANDCRAFTS by Eleanor Doan (Regal, paper, \$2.35, 111 pp.). For Grades 1, 2, and 3, here are 97 creative handicrafts for Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, weekday activities, Bible clubs, camping, or home.

TWO BY FOURS by Charles M. Schulz and Kenneth F. Hall (Keats Publishing Co., paper, 75c, 61 pp.).

"A sort of serious book about small children" by the author of "Peanuts." Includes

Tornado Destroys Church, Kills Man

CENTERVILLE, Ala. (BP)—A devastating tornado slammed into Brent Baptist Church near here Sunday evening just minutes before the worship service was to begin, killing one man, hospitalizing four, but sparing the lives of more than 100 others due to the quick actions of the church's pastor and youth choir director.

According to Arthur Walker, vice president of Samford University in Birmingham and interim pastor of the church, it was nothing less than a miracle that the entire congregation was not killed.

The nightmarish experience began just as Church Training was dismissing. As members of the congregation began making their way from their departments, the electrical power went off. However, a special service honoring high school seniors had been planned so the choir assembled and the people began filling into the auditorium.

The youth choir left the darkened choir room and gathered outside a side entrance to the auditorium for a last minute rehearsal. Suddenly the choir's director, Jerry Pow, commanded the choir to be quiet. He heard a roar.

Pow told the choir to get in the basement and ran to the front of the church to warn of the approaching tornado. Walker rushed into the auditorium and urged the congregation to assembly in the basement as rapidly as possible. Within seconds the fierce tornado had leveled the auditorium sparing only the front entrance and steeple. Minutes later the entire town of Brent lay in rubble.

Andrew Mitchell, reportedly in mid-sixties and with poor eyesight, was crushed to death when a wall caved in on him. He was just a few feet from the basement stairway. Another man narrowly escaped death and suffered a broken shoulder and collar bone.

First, Holly Springs Calls New Pastor

Rev. Tommy Tutor has assumed his duties as pastor of First Church, Holly Springs. Born in Pontotoc, he attended Clarke College one year, and graduated from Union University,

Jackson, Tennessee and Southwestern Seminary. His last pastorate was Rugby Hills in Memphis.

Activity in denominational service includes serving as President

Mr. Tutor of an associational Pastors' Conference in Tennessee.

Mr. Tutor has traveled in Germany, Turkey, Lebanon, Vietnam, Hong Kong, and Japan. He has preached and visited Southern Baptist mission work in many of these areas.

He is married and has one daughter, Paulette. Mrs. Tutor (Rose) attended Clarke College.

Douglas Reunion Pastors' Descendants

The annual Douglas family reunion will be held at Shiloh Church near Sontag, on Sunday June 19, beginning at 11 a.m.

The descendants of John Douglas, a 13-year-old Revolutionary War Drummer Boy, meet annually at Shiloh Church, where John's son, Eli-sha Douglas, was pastor from 1880 to 1880 and his son Elijah, was pastor from 1880 to 1889.

Dr. Mack R. Douglas, president of Beach Park Tower, Inc. and Cape Coral Gardens, Inc., of Cape Coral, Florida and president of the Douglas Clan, announces the program, which will include the morning service, with the Shiloh members, dinner at noon and an afternoon program.



Baptized At Age 72

Rev. John Russell, eight pastor recently baptized Jefferson Darins Crawford, left. Pastor Russell reports that Mr. Crawford was saved a few years ago, but after his acceptance of Christ as Lord was not baptized because of serious health problems that resulted in his having a pacemaker placed in his heart.

Mr. Crawford was born June 3, 1900. He is a veteran of World War I and has received his 50-year award from the American Legion. A former law enforcement officer, he is at 73 very active (he cuts the 3/4 acre church yard). He is an "out-spoken and gentle witness for Christ."



Commencement exercises for the Mississippi Baptist Seminary were held June 1 at the Central Center in Jackson. In picture at left four leaders are seen just before program began, from left: Dr. A. I. Jones, dean of Central Center; Dr. T. B. Brown, seminary president; Miss Ellen Johnson, assistant to Dr. Brown; and Rev. Richard Brogan, director, Department of Work With National Baptists. In second photo the graduates are seen marching



In third picture Dr. Brown is seen giving a certificate to one of the graduates. In photo at right Rev. L. C. Wilcher, (center), National State Director of Christian Education for the seminary, who has taught at school longer than anyone else, is seen conferring with two graduates, Willie Lee Brown, (left) and Emeal Richards, both from Central Center.

Commencement Held June 1 At Mississippi Baptist Seminary

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

One hundred and sixty-two of them marched forward in their long black robes. June 1 with Thirtieth Annual Commencement Day at Mississippi Baptist Seminary, and graduates came from as far away as Gulfport and Ripley, Tupelo and Natchez. Some were as young as 18. Others were older than 60. Most were men, but many were women. One hundred and sixty-one were black. One was white.

Awards from the school's Division of Theology and Division of Christian Training included the Bachelor of Theology degree, Diploma in Religious Education, Junior College Diploma, English Bible Diploma, Sunday School Worker's Training Diploma, Diploma in Religious Education, Busy Pastor's Certificate, Christian Training Diploma, and Christian Training Certificate.

Thirty-one years ago Dr. Herbert L. Lang, black professor and preacher, gave birth to the idea of a unique "seminary on wheels" that would take the school to the students when the students could not come to the school. Now there are 35 centers branching out from Central Center in Jackson. No person is denied entrance to the seminary because of lack of previous training or because of race. Only one annual commencement service is held for all centers, and that is always at Jackson's Central Center on Delta Drive.

The seminary is maintained by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the Home Mission Board, SBC, the several National Baptist Conventions in Mississippi, and by designated gifts from churches, associations, and individuals. Half the trustees are black; half are white. Each extension center is directed by a dean and board of trustees. No tuition is charged, but a small registration fee is assessed for other courses. The school offers training in theology, missions, religious education, and Christian citizenship.

(The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Department of Work with National Baptists, under the directorship of Dr. Dick Brogan, works closely with the administrators of the seminary. However, the seminary is only one of the many phases of this department's work. Other areas will be treated in more detail in future articles in the Record.)

This semester, Central Center alone has had over 300 enrolled. Among these were 20 women and 22 pastors. Most were from Hinds, Madison, and other nearby counties. The fourteen on the faculty included ten blacks and four whites.

Hours of classes are from 9 to 2 and from 5 to 10, allowing convenient times for two different groups—a day student body and a night student body.

Dr. Aron I. Jones has been dean of Central Center for six years. A native of Gulfport, he is a graduate of Jackson State, American Baptist College of the Bible in Nashville, and Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Not only does he teach English, Old Testament, Christian doctrine, and pastoral theology, but he is also a part time graduate student at Jackson State, majoring in adult basic education. Not long ago he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Baltimore College of the Bible.

In Central Center, the office of the seminary's registrar adjoins that of the president. Dedicated, efficient Miss Ellen Johnson, registrar and executive assistant, has been on the administrative staff of the seminary for twenty years.

Dr. T. B. Brown was elected fourth president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary in 1970. (The first three were Dr. Lang, Dr. W. A. Keel, and Dr. W. P. Davis.) He enthusiastically says, "I think the seminary is meeting a great need in letting the black

students we are serving could hardly find another such type of place to get involved in study, because they have to work to support themselves and would not otherwise have a chance to go to school. Many of the courses are practical courses on how to live at home and accept the responsibility of the Christian in all walks of life.

"Raising their educational standards is helping them to be able to understand our government and to be able to participate and vote and be better citizens. We try to help them know how to use public facilities, how to use their money wisely, and to em-

phasize tithing and Christian giving."

With a broad smile, Dr. Brown shares his good news: "We hope in September to open as a Bible college, in the expectation that the school can be accredited within four more years. We are working hard to meet the requirements of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges. The curriculum in the Bible College will include a Department of Bible and Theology, a Department of Education, and a Department of Church Vocations."

He readily admits that the seminary's needs and problems are many. Needs are more buildings, more space, better facilities, higher pay for teachers. One problem in the light of accreditation standards is the fact that almost all the students work and all commute, resulting in a student body as a whole that is "too old." The accrediting organization wants the school to have more young college-age students and to have on-campus students. They suggest that the school recruit younger students and make the school a community type Bible college, something like BBI in Florida. A much larger campus would be needed for dormitory accommodations. The present building is already much overcrowded for classroom work, although only occupied since 1969.

Names In The News



Billy R. Trotter, assistant professor of music at Mississippi College, has been invited to give an organ concert at the Southern Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists scheduled for Knoxville, Tenn., June 11-14. Trotter, official organist for the college, has been a member of the teaching faculty since 1965.

Dr. W. LeVon Moore, pastor, First Church, Pontotoc, will appear on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland on June 13. He will assist in making the report of the Baptist Sunday School Board. As Chairman of the Plans and Policies Committee of the Board, he will report to the Convention on the two matters which were referred by the 1972 Convention to the Sunday School Board trustees.



At the Annual Choir Awards Banquet at Forest Church, special awards were given to four youth who had earned five consecutive years of perfect attendance in choir. A trophy is given for perfect attendance and each year thereafter a block and riser is added to the original trophy. Those earning the five-year perfect attendance award are: left to right, Ronny Rawson, Ricky Rawson, Sheila Johnson and Jackie Ingle. James B. McElroy is minister of music, Mrs. George Webb, Children's Choir co-ordinator and Rev. Clyde B. Little, pastor.

David Raddin of Greenville has been named as the recipient of the Joe Thomas Odle Memorial Scholarship at Mississippi College for the 1973-74 school year.

Dr. Charles W. Scott, dean of students and chairman of the Scholarship Committee, has announced. Raddin, son of Rev. and Mrs. Roy D. Raddin of Greenville, is a recent graduate of Washington High School and will enter Mississippi College in August. His is currently president of the Youth Council at the Second Baptist Church in Greenville where his father is pastor. The Joe Thomas Odle Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of the only son of Dr. and Mrs. Joe T. Odle of Jackson who died during his junior year at Mississippi College. Dr. Odle is editor of the BAPTIST RECORD. Provided by members of the Odle family, the scholarship is given annually to a member of the freshman class who has committed himself to a definite phase of specialized Christian service and who is considered to be the most promising ministerial student in the class.

Rev. and Mrs. Bobby T. Hood, missionaries who have completed an emergency leave in the States, was scheduled to depart May 20 for Argentina (address: Bolanos 141, Buenos Aires, Argentina). Both are Mississippians.

Rev. and Mrs. James A. Foster, missionaries who have completed furlough in the States, were scheduled to arrive May 8 in the Philippines (address: 2444 Taft Ave., Manila, Philippines).

The son of a Baptist preacher, President Brown was a school principal in Pass Christian for twelve years. After his graduation from New Orleans Seminary in 1959, he began teaching at Mississippi Baptist Seminary. In September of this year he will celebrate his 15th anniversary as pastor of the Mt. Helm Baptist Church in Jackson. Born in Brookhaven, he graduated from Jackson State and earned an M. A. degree from Northwestern University in Illinois. He has an honorary doctorate from the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. His wife, Elizabeth, teaches English in the public schools of Jackson.

Among the seminary's faithful faculty members, the one with the longest term of service is Rev. L. C. Wilcher. A teacher-evangelist, he is state director of Christian Education for the National Baptist Convention and has been on the seminary staff for sixteen years. In his religious education classes, his students at Central Center take a two-year course that includes 26 books.

Mr. Wilcher declares: "There is no way to measure the worth of the seminary in terms of the leadership it has provided for the churches, and the preparation it has given to the pastors of the churches. The physical facilities can be evaluated, but the spiritual worth cannot actually be measured."

Dr. James Matthews, another of the seminary teachers, adds, "This seminary has meant more than any institution of its kind for its size in the state."

"All of us work together well—from different parts of the state and from different faiths, and including

different types of people." He underscores the fact that many pastors and religious leaders and leaders in public service have graduated from this seminary and are working in this state, in other states, and even in other countries.

Dr. Matthews has for twelve years been pastor of Shady Grove Church, Hinds County. He studied at Roger Williams in Memphis and has been studying for the Master's degree in social science, administration and education, at Jackson State. At the seminary he teaches evangelism and psychology.

Rev. James M. Porch, pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Clinton, is one of the four white teachers on the seminary faculty. He has taught church history at Central Center for two years and at Brookhaven Center one year. Mr. Porch says, "I consider my opportunity to teach for the Mississippi Baptist Seminary a privilege. My black brothers there are open to truth. They are inquisitive and searching. They are appreciative of their opportunity to study and I find it a challenge to share my studies in church history and black Baptist history with them."

"With dreaming and hoping and planning, we will meet our needs" Dr. Brown fully believes.



Hardy Church (Grenada) presents Bibles each year to senior high school graduates as gifts from the church membership. Pictured above are this year's graduates being presented their Bibles by fellowship committee member Ted Coats. Left to right: Kathy Tilghmen, Melodie Spratlin and Faye Pryon.



Carey Honorary Degree recipient, Dr. Van H. Hardin, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Leakesville, chats with his wife, right, and Mrs. J. Ralph Noonkester, wife of the president of William Carey College. The occasion was the senior reception at the president's home prior to the annual commencement on May 19 in which the Carey Board of Trustees honored Rev. Hardin with the doctor of divinity degree for outstanding service to the Lord, to Mississippi Baptist in general and to William Carey College in particular. Hardin was for many years a trustee of the Hattiesburg institution. He has also served as a trustee of Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Prior to his pastorate at Leakesville, Rev. Hardin was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Moss Point.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph W. Melford Jr., missionaries to Spain, have arrived for furlough in the States (address: 518 E. Olive St., Fort Collins, Colo. 80521).

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry G. Simon, missionaries, may now be addressed at Box 267, Kampala, Uganda.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Williams, missionaries on medical leave from Jordan, may be addressed at 736-1/2 S. George, Petal, Miss. 39465.

Dr. and Mrs. John D. W. Watts, missionaries, may now be addressed at Redwood Cottage, Landour, Mussoorie, U. P., India.

First Church, Poplarville, announces that two of her young people have recently committed themselves to church-related voc-

at Pearl River Junior College committed himself to the ministry of music and is presently serving First Church, Baxterville. Kenneth Bilbo, student at University of Southern Mississippi, is committed to the pastoral ministry. Kenneth is available for supply work. His address is Rt. 3, Poplarville, 39470. Both the pastor, Rev. Robert B. Barnes, and the minister of music and youth, J. D. Batson, highly recommend these two young men.

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All four Baptists sentenced were members of the "initiativewiki," according to Associated Press, which allegedly split in 1961 from the official church leadership, the All - Union Council of Evangelical Christians Baptists.

God Is Supreme, And Claims Supreme Devotion

Religious Heritage Award Granted Cox For Powerline

By Clifton J. Allen
Exodus 20:3-6; Matthew 6:24-34;
James 4:7-8

The God whom we worship is the Creator of the universe and all that is in it. He is the Lord over all the earth. In the light of who God is, his first law for man could not be anything other than the First Commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." The Second Commandment is really a part of the First — "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image." On this basis we are to worship God and God alone. This truth was difficult for the Israelites to understand. They lived in a world of many gods. And yet the Lord was trying to reveal himself to his chosen people as the only true God, rightly claiming their supreme devotion. The truth is as difficult for moderns as it was for the ancients. The teaching of Jesus made this crystal clear in terms that apply pointedly to modern life. We need

to learn that friendship with the world is enmity with God.

The Lesson Explained
GOD FIRST (Ex. 20:3-6)

The most basic law given to Israel was that they should recognize the Lord as supreme. While the First Commandment did not specifically deny the existence of other gods or declare that God is the only God, it declared that no other god could be given first place in the hearts of God's people. The People of Israel, from their beginning with Abraham, had lived in a world marked by the worship of many gods. Faith in the true God was always under the pressure of the influence of idolatry. This commandment rested on the truth, "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." He was the Lord who had chosen Israel, who had established his covenant with the people, who had redeemed them from bondage, who had pur-

posed that they should be for him "a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation." As the covenant people they were under obligation to be true to their covenant Lord with fidelity and obedience and devotion.

The Second Commandment prohibits the worship of images. Actually, it prohibits creating an idol or image to be a means of representing God or serving as a means of worshiping God or taking the place of God. The Egyptians and the other ancient peoples identified their gods with parts of the physical universe, as the sun or moon or wind or fire or some animal, and made idols or images to represent the god. Such was utterly forbidden to the Israelites. They were not to try to restrict God to some part of the created order; he was himself the Creator.

GOD OR MAMMON (Matt. 6:24)

Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount gives us clear insight about the implications of the First

and Second Commandments. No slave could give himself completely to two masters. Likewise, no person can serve God and mammon at the same time. Whoever tries to do so will hate one and love the other, or he will give full devotion to one and despise the other. This illustrates perfectly the impossibility of giving unreserved devotion to God and mammon — it will be God or mammon. Mammon stands for money or material possessions, at least something of material or earthly nature. Jesus was impressing on his disciples and by his words he instructs us that there is the gravest danger in letting material values come first in life.

TRUST AND ALLEGIANCE
(Matt. 6:25-33)

The meaning of Jesus' words, "Take no thought for your life," is, "Do not be anxious about your life." Jesus' teaching should not be interpreted to mean that we are not

to be concerned about food and clothing and a place in which to live. Provision is made for the birds. God's laws in nature make it possible for the lilies of the field to grow and achieve beauty. God has given to man capacity to work, and he surely designs that through work man shall provide for himself and his family the things essential to physical well-being and constructive ministry to other persons. But man is not to put his trust in things, and he is not to be inordinately anxious about things. Instead, trust is to be put in God, whose fatherly care for us never fails. The Lord our God is a jealous God. He will not tolerate a rival. His jealousy is the zeal of his own nature rightly claiming our undivided and wholehearted love and trust and allegiance. His rule in our hearts is to be complete and his righteousness is to claim our deepest commitment.

WASHINGTON (BP) — Religious Heritage of America has cited Claude Cox, producer in the radio department for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, for "creative excellence" in communicating American religious heritage to youth.

Cox, producer of the radio program Powerline syndicated by the SBC Radio - TV Commission, was one of four national award winners named by Religious Heritage of America to receive a national "Faith and Freedom Award" presented by the organization June 7 here.

More than 39 per cent of all traffic fatalities in 1970 were due to excessive speed according to a survey by The Travelers Insurance Companies. Speeding accounted for 17,700 persons killed and 988,000 injured.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Man's Flight From God

Isaiah 53:4-6; Hosea 11:1-7;
Romans 1:18-32
By Bill Duncan

The parable of the prodigal son has been described as the greatest short story ever written. In just a few lines it describes a young man's flight from a loving father. The story concludes with the wayward son who grew tired of running away. He came to himself and returned home.

People of every generation have seen themselves as running away from God. Man starts out dependent upon others and then turns in rebellion toward those who love him. If the father says cut your hair or wash your face, somehow the son wants to rebel. The truth is that man is a rebel until he comes to his senses. Maturity is the ability to accept one place in society without reaching the wrong way. When one can accept God's plan and teachings for one's own way of life, then he is beginning to live right. But man cannot continue to run from God.

James M. Barrie said, "The life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story and writes another and his humblest hour is when he compares the volume as it is with what he hoped to make it."

The sad thought comes to one's mind of Jonah who thought he could get away from God's direction by going in the wrong direction. Man cannot get away from God. God will be the same everywhere he goes.

Man Has Gone Astray
Isaiah 53:4-6

Man is like an old Greek temple whose ruins arouse our interest and admiration as we wonder what the temple might have been like. One could look at the ruins and see the lines that might have been. The columns are massive and the covering is beautiful.

It matters not what happens to man. The foundation of greatness is clearly seen. Man is great in the biblical view. The man might have been fallen and desolate, but still capable of redemption and restoration.

Every man chooses to turn against God, but God has provided for every man redemption and restoration in Christ. We all identify with Adam as we turn and eat that which is forbidden or drink that which is forbidden.

When Charles Spurgeon was once being shown through the library of Trinity College, he stopped to admire a bust of Byron. The librarian said to him, "Stand here, sir and look at it." Spurgeon took the position indicated and looking upon the bust remarked, "what an intellectual countenance!"

"Come now," said the librarian, "and look at it from this side." Spurgeon changed his position and looking on the statue from that viewpoint exclaimed, "What a demon! There stands a man who could defy the Devil!" He asked the librarian if the sculptor had secured this effect designedly.

"Yes," he replied, "he wished to picture the two characters, the two persons — the great, the grand, the almost supergenius that he possessed, and yet the enormous mass of sin

that was in his soul."
Man's Response To Love
Hos. 11:1-7

God's love is always extended, for this is his very nature, but his forgiveness is conditioned upon the attitude and response of man. God can forgive and he does when the conditions of forgiveness are met. God's justice was highly known. But Hosea magnified God's love.

Hosea used the experiences of the unfaithful wife to describe God's relationship to man. Sin separates. It separated Hosea and his wife. It separates Israel and God. No amount of culture or refinement can make it anything else. As Hosea's love went

Eddie Martin Sermons Now On Records

Two Sermons by Evangelist Eddie Martin: Can A Saved Person Ever Be Lost? The Second Coming of Christ.

(Long Play Records, sold by Author) Evangelist Eddie Martin is widely known all across Mississippi as well as all over the Southern Baptist Convention, for he has preached in revivals all across the nation. Many feel that he is one of the most dynamic Bible believing, gospel preaching, soul loving evangelists of our day. Tens of thousands of persons have come to Christ under his ministry. Now friends have prevailed upon him to put two of his best sermons on records. The first one is "Can A Saved Person Ever Be Lost?" The preacher says "No!" and gives his reasons from the Scripture. This is an unanswerable message on the security of the believer. If you have any doubts about this doctrine which Baptists believe and teach, you will find assurance and help in defending the doctrine in this message. The second record is the sermon "The Second Coming of Christ." No Bible subject is of more interest among Christian people, and informed lost people right now than this glorious truth. The preacher presents the doctrine with Bible explanation of just how it will happen, what it will mean to the world, and signs that it may be near. The message challenges people to get ready for the world's greatest coming event. Copies of these two records sell at \$5.00 each. They may be ordered from Rev. Eddie Martin, 2036 Little Pike, Lancaster, Pa. 17601. Send check or money order and the records will be sent postpaid.

Man's Tragic Consequences
Rom. 1:18-32

God is always revealing himself to man. He uses many ways and many signs. The revelation was best seen in Jesus Christ. Always God is wanting to show his love and purpose. The rejection of God's love caused mankind to be unthankful and very foolish. The heart of man grew worse and worse.

Finally, "God gave them up." When the people had rebelled so much, they became like animals. "Those who were made for God and who knew God became subservant to their lusts and sank lower than beasts." The tragic results was a mind that did not want to think about right or wrong.

The tragic consequences of man's flight from God found man like the prodigal son — helpless. No one can really say what man could have been. Man's rejection of love made him to be a sinner. But salvation is always available to sinful man.

Cemetery Association To Meet At Unity

On June 10, the newly organized Unity Cemetery Association will hold its first annual homecoming at Unity Church in Jefferson County. Each one who has relatives buried in this Cemetery or is interested in the upkeep of same is invited. There will be a business meeting, with one service beginning at 10 a.m.; and dinner on the ground, with singing and fellowship in the afternoon.

"If you can't attend, your donation toward the upkeep of Cemetery will be highly appreciated," states Jean Beard, Secretary.

Temptations are certain to ring your doorbell; but it's your own fault if you ask them in to stay for dinner.

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Prospect (Perry): July 8 - 14; Homecoming Day on Sunday, July 8 with services at 11 and 2, and lunch at the church; Rev. Jack Stanley, pastor of West Salem, Greene County, evangelist; Rev. Dexter True-sale, pastor; services during week at 7:30 p.m.

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Devotional

The Things That Matter

Like Friends — II Timothy 4:9-12; 19-21

By Tommy Baddley, Pastor, First, Brandon

In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he spends much effort in instructing the young preacher in the godly way of ministering and leading. And, even when he begins to make personal requests at the conclusion of this epistle, he is still instructing. Teaching by his life rather than by his lips. In his personal requests, he bares his soul and shows the world "THE THINGS THAT MATTER."

The quickened pace and driving forces of this present age have created a society of "hermits." A man's (or woman's) social circle consists, all too often, of "the folks at the office" and the members of the family. Returning home each afternoon becomes a trip to security and serenity. Home, where we're the boss, and the demands made are ours, not those of someone else.

Friendship is kept on a very shallow and superficial level lest our "neighbors" see how "weak" and vulnerable we really are. Not often do we find the deep trust, love, and fidelity that we experienced as children. How tragic that our precious pride has robbed us of a prized possession — friends.

In these final days, imprisoned in Rome, awaiting the inevitable, no earthly power can take away Paul's love for his friends nor theirs for him. Limited by the confines of imprisonment, he is no longer able to continue his "work" of establishing, organizing and building up new groups of believers. And so his needs have changed. He desires the fellowship of friends made across the miles and across the years.

The situation has shown Paul that not everyone he considered friend was as faithful and loyal as he. Some forsook him in his hour of need.

A quick assessment of our circle of acquaintances might be startling. How many are friends? "Putting the shoe on the other foot," is likewise surprising. To how many people is our friendship extended? To what extent would you respond to a friend's plea?

In Paul's final request to gather his friends around him, can we not find a call, a challenge to return to true friendship? Truly, a friend is a "treasure laid up in heaven."



PRJC Burns Note On Student Center

The Baptist Student Union at Pearl River Junior College, Poplarville, recently burned the note on a house being used for a student center. (The house is across the street from the college.) Funds for the purchase came from the associations and the churches in the junior college district and from the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Left to right are A. M. McBride, student director at P. R. C.; Ralph Winders, state student director; Robert B. Barnes, BSU pastor advisor (pastor, FBC, Poplarville); and Mack Davis, BSU president.

Southeastern Graduate

David Wayne Spencer of Senatobia was one of 191 persons who received degrees in commencement exercises May 25 at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.



Spencer received the Master of Divinity degree. He presently serves as pastor of Fishing Creek Church in Aventon, N. C.

Spring Creek Calls Pastor

Rev. Warren C. Haney has accepted the pastorate of Spring Creek Church, Neshoba Association, coming from the Spring Bank Church, Washington County, Alabama.

In Alabama he served the association as president of Pastors' Conference, chairman of Calendar Committee, chairman of Youth Committee, and program director of Youth Rallies. Also he was active in Washington County Mental Health Association as ministerial representative on the Advisory Board.

Mr. Haney attended Mobile College and New Orleans Seminary. He was born in Clarksdale.

During the last Alabama pastorate there were 32 additions of which 21 were by baptism; church receipts were increased by 60%.

Looxahoma Homecoming

Looxahoma Church, Route 1, Senatobia, will have homecoming Sunday, June 10. Dinner will be served and J. B. Betts, music evangelist from Southaven will give a concert on Sunday afternoon. All former members and friends are invited. Rev. Milton Thornton is pastor.

Harperville Calls Pastor

Harperville Church, Scott County, has called Rev. Eddie M. Brady, pictured, as pastor. Following graduation from Southwestern Seminary on May 11, Mr. Brady began his new duties May 20.



The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brady, he grew up in Bay Springs, and is married to the former Charlotte Sax. He was formerly pastor of First Church, Morgan, Texas.

Two Music Events Coming Up At BMC

Workshop On Changing Voice, And Junior High Music Camp

A workshop on the changing voice (cambata) is scheduled for June 21-22 at Blue Mountain College. This is a special feature for ministers of music. The workshop will begin by observing a demonstration choir on Thursday evening, June 21, and continue with discussion and lecture on Friday.



Stanley Richison, Dean, Department of Music, Blue Mountain College, will be clinician for the workshop.

The fee for the workshop is \$5.00. Meals are also available in the college cafeteria if you register before June 18. Motels in the area are the Southland Motel (Phone 837-5681), and Southland Motel in New Albany (Phone 534-5042).

Junior High Music Camp
To meet the music needs of an often overlooked age-group, a music camp is planned for youngsters grades 4 through 9, June 18-22, at Blue Mountain. Special attention will be given to the changing voice.

Dr. Stanley Richison, Dean of Music, Blue Mountain College, will serve as choral director. Noxie Taylor, minister of music, First, Louisville, is coordinator.



Rooms will be available in the dormitory and meals will be served in the college cafeteria.

Rumanian Church Asks Paper To Publish 100,000 Copies Of Bible

The selection of sites for crusades is increasingly difficult, he admitted. Last year he had to choose from 8,000 invitations to speak at conferences and conventions, as well as crusades.

The evangelist went to Atlanta from Jacksonville, Fla., where he was the commencement speaker at the Jacksonville University. The private institution awarded him an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. He will preach in Seoul, Korea, May 30 to June 3 before opening the Atlanta crusade.

The paper will be sent within a few months and the Bibles will be produced within 18 months at the 300-year-old printing plant operated by the Church.

Just For The Record

New Pastor In Magee

Rev. Caley Ray Nichols, pictured, has accepted the pastorate of Eastside Church, Magee. For nearly seven years, he has served in Albany, Georgia, as pastor of Sunnyside Church and in 1968 organized the Good News Church in Albany.



Nichols graduated from Magee High School, served two years in the Navy, attended Clarke College, and was graduated from Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

Before going to Georgia, he was pastor of several Mississippi churches.

Mrs. Nichols is the former Marie Nance of Philadelphia. They have two children. Their son, Gary, is a senior at Mississippi College and presently serving with the Home Mission Board in Chicago, assisting in the Baptist Student Union ministries. During the summer he will work on the campus of the Moody Bible Institute. Their daughter, Gwen, will be graduated this summer from the School of Nursing at the Albany Junior College, Albany, Georgia.

Berwick Pastor, Wife On Archaeological Adventure

Rev. John Sharp, pastor of Berwick Church, Liberty and wife, Janice, left May 27 for a six-week archaeological and travel adventure to Greece and Israel. This includes a three-week archaeological expedition to Tel Aphek.

The trip is sponsored by the Institute of Archaeological Research of New Orleans in connection with Tel Aviv University and is headed by Dr. Kilm. There are 44 members participating in this fourth annual tour. They will be visiting Athens, Ephesus, Isle of Patmos, Crete, and then on to Israel for the main archaeological expedition.

Mr. Sharp, graduate of Carey College, has just completed his second year at New Orleans Seminary. He is the son of Mrs. Mildred Sharp, Madden. His wife, also a Carey graduate, is elementary teacher at Mid-City Baptist School in New Orleans. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcher of Carthage.

They will return to the States July 6. Rev. Lester P. Stone, associational missionary will fill the pulpit in Mr. Sharp's absence.

Educators To Hear Dr. Trueblood

D. Elton Trueblood, professor - at-large, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, will deliver the H. I. Hester Lectures at the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools annual meeting June 25-27, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Other participants include: George E. Bagley of the Alabama Baptist Convention; Abner V. McCall of Baylor University, Porter W. Routh of the Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention; W. Clyde Williams of Miles College; Robert L. Lynn of Oklahoma Baptist University; Roy L. Honeycutt of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and Jack E. Byrom of San Marcos Baptist Academy.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Unity Church (Attala): youth led revival; May 18-20; youth team composed of students from the BSU at Holmes Jr. College and Mississippi State University; Donnie Wittzell, evangelist; Kenneth Adams, leading music; Kathy Simpson, accompanist; an outing on Saturday to Holmes County State Park with outdoor services conducted at the campground; 1 rededication, 6 professions of faith; Rev. Bill McCreary, pastor.

West Heights, Pontotoc: Rev. James R. DeLoach, evangelist, pastor of Derita Church, Charlotte, North Carolina; Ray Kirk leading music; soloists, Nicky Ferguson, Ray Kirk, Sherrie Murphree, and Mrs. Dorothy Seale; 4 additions by letter; 3 for rededication; 22 for baptism; Rev. Gerald P. Buckley, pastor.

McLaurin Heights Church, Jackson: April 30 - May 6; Dr. E. E. Taylor, evangelist; Paul N. Bird, singer; 42 additions by baptism; 14 additions by letter; Rev. Eugene H. Dobbs, pastor.

MATAWI, Philippines — Forty persons gathered here for a weekend of testimonies, prayer and Bible study as well as the organization of Matawi Baptist Church. Fifteen of those attending represented the four churches in Nueva Ecija, the neighboring county 60 miles away; the other 25 were local residents.



1973 President's Reception At BMC

After the closing exercises of the 100th annual session, Blue Mountain College, Dr. and Mrs. E. Harold Fisher, honored all members of the graduating class with a reception. Receiving guests were, left to right: Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, the trustees' choice of Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year; Mrs. Nethery of Nashville, Tenn., mother of the commencement speaker; Miss Mary Jane Nethery, also of Nashville, guest speaker, executive secretary, Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union, and an alumna of BMC; Mrs. Fisher; and Dr. Fisher. (Mrs. Fisher and Miss Nethery were classmates at Blue Mountain.)

Year Of Evangelism

Providential Adventures In Christian Witnessing

By R. Othal Feather, Retired Professor, Southwestern Seminary

Fred, the department director, had accepted an assignment to witness to Clarence, a close personal friend in his young adult Sunday School department. Fred procrastinated for several weeks in spite of a few reminders from his friend, the general Sunday School director.

Some time later, upon the insistence of the Sunday School director, Fred spoke to Clarence on Sunday morning between Sunday School and church. In a rather fumbling fashion Fred

spoken to him months before about his need for Christ. He expressed his real concern for Clarence to make a decision without further delay. In fact, Fred further assured Clarence that he would be praying for him, "to get right with the Lord that very day" in response to the pastor's invitation at the close of the morning service.

Clarence had been dealt with many times by the pastor, minister of education and others over a period of more than two years. But that morning, following the brief apologetic witness of his very best Christian friend, he made a public profession of faith and

ed to Clarence, or not in a way that would be in their church.

Baptists Given First Chance In New Town

FLOWER MOUND, Tex. (BP) — Developers of a proposed unique new community here have announced that the first site in Flower Mound New Town (FMNT) will be sold to a Southern Baptist association of churches for a church site. FMNT is the first such new town in the country to sell its first piece of property for a church site, said Marshall Kaplan, senior vice president of Raymond D. Nasher Co., FMNT developer. Charles Lee Williamson, director of the missions division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said Texas Baptists will help the Denton Baptist Association finance the purchase of the 450,000, 2 1/2-acre site in the new community.



A Different Crop: 23 Growing Boys

Many ranchers have big families—more help with the chores. One ranch in Mesa, Wash. has 23 boys, but they didn't all start there.

They came from all over Washington and Oregon as wards of the courts to live at Bailie Memorial Boys' Ranch, the Northwest Baptist Convention's home for pre-delinquents and orphans.

The ranch was a gift of Loen Bailie, a local rancher who is not a Southern Baptist, but became convinced the Southern Baptist Convention could turn his dream of a boys' ranch into a reality.

A big but loving family from a total of 125 otherwise homeless and unloved boys. Top photo: Lee Jackson, a ranch "graduate," returns to help houseparent Joe Stephens feed the cattle which provide part of Bailie's income. At bottom: Mrs. Hazel Kyser, a housemother, joins some of the boys for relaxing evening recreation. (Home Board photos by Don Rutledge)

Bilingual Book Store Opens In August

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptists will open their first bilingual book store in El Paso, Tex., after several years research seeking to meet the needs of Spanish-speaking people in the United States. Steady growth in numbers of Spanish-speaking Baptists in the South-Southwest and the influx of Cubans in the Southeast has created the need for this type project, said W. O. Thomason, director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's book store division.